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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _08 February 2008_.
2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.**   2b)☒ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-56_ is/are pending in the application.
     4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) _1-56_ is/are rejected.
7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on _1/16/2004_ is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
     a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:
       1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
       2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
       3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
     * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1.   This office action is in response to applicant's response filed on 02/08/2008.

2.   Claims 1-56 are pending.

3.   Examiner withdraws rejection of claims 1, 7, 11-14 and 55 under 35 U.S.C 112-

second paragraphs.

4.   Applicant's arguments have been fully considered.

5.   Examiner, however, in light of the above submission, a new ground(s) of

rejection is made over Serbinis et al. Patent No.: US 6,314,425 B1 in view of Saito, Pub.

No.: US 2005/0071673 A1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2.   Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Serbinis et al. Patent No.: US 6,314,425 B1 in view of Saito, Pub. No.: US

2005/0071673 A1.

Referring to claims 1, 10, 11, 14, 17-19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 32-34, 36, 39, and 42,

Serbinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access comprising:

identifying an available network resource **[col. 2, lines 15-37]**,

providing an access token to the available network resource **[abstract, col. 4,**

lines 12-20; the server provides/generates an access token];

terminating the access token **[col. 21, lines 1-11; col. 21, lines 30-51]**. Sebrinis

further teaches tracking the status of the access token **[col. 21, lines 30-51;** tracking

corresponding to storing]. Sebrinis does not appear to explicitly teach the network

resource coupled to a network and the access token operable to allow an application of

the available network resource to access a portion of the network. Saito teaches

networked computers or terminals that have access to secure information, such as

financial information, intelligence information, and the like. Another example of a secure

component 102 would be an entry device into a particular area, such as a vault or an

area containing sensitive information. Yet another implementation of a secure

component 102 would be a computer which is part of a network that allows general

access to some portions of the network but allows access to other portions of the

network only to selected individuals **[paragraph 33 and fig. 2]** and one common type of

security protocol is a Type II security protocol wherein the individuals are assigned a

uniquely coded physical item, such as a token, key card, etc. that must be inserted into

an access device 103 (FIG. 2) to gain access to the secured component 102

[paragraph 65 and fig. 2]. Sebrinis and Saito are analogous art because both teach secure authentication using access tokens.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the method of Sebrinis to include a computer which is part of a network that allows access to other portions of the network by using access token of Saito because access token helps individual, to gain access to a particular secure component, area or information, please see KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc., 550 U.S-, 82 USPQ2d 1385 (2007) for further interpretation.

Referring to claims 2, 35 and 51, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the at least one available network resource comprises a terminal coupled to the network, the terminal comprising a processor having available processing capability **[col. 1, lines 17-26; col. 5, lines 21-30 and fig. 1A-1B]**.

Referring to claim 3, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the available network resource is a server **[abstract, col. 4, lines 12-20]**.

Referring to claims 4, 13, 16, 29, 31, 50 and 53, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource comprises a server, the server coupled to a sub-group, the sub-group coupled to a super-group via a

sub-network, the super- group coupled to the resource communication module via the
network **[Saito, paragraphs 33, 65 and fig. 2;** secured components 102 coupled with
each other and coupled with communication device 120].

Referring to claims 5, 12, 15, 28, 30, 49 and 52, Sebrinis as modified teaches a
system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource comprises a
server, the server coupled to a super-group, the super-group coupled to the resource
communication module via the network **[Saito, paragraphs 33, 65 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claims 6, 7 and 8, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a
method for providing network access, wherein the network is an intranet **[Saito,
paragraphs 5 and 33]**.

Referring to claim 9, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing
network access, wherein providing the access token to the resource comprises
providing a user identification and password to the internet protocol address of the
resource **[col. 21, lines 13-51]**.

Referring to claim 20, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing
network access, wherein the status of the access token comprises the application using
the access token **[col. 21, lines 30-51]**.

Referring to claims 21 and 45, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the status of the access token comprises the internet protocol address of the available network resource to which the access token was provided **[col. 21, lines 13-51]**.

Referring to claim 23, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, further comprising updating the status of the access token after the access token is terminated **[col. 21, lines 1-11; col. 21, lines 30-51]**.

Referring to claims 25, 54 and 55, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the available network resource further comprises a network resource used simultaneously by a user, the user having an access level unrelated to the access token **[Saito, paragraphs 5, 7-8, 10, 33 and 59]**.

Referring to claims 37 and 38, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the access token is operable to expire in a pre-determined length of time **[col. 21, lines 1-11; col. 21, lines 30-51]**.

Referring to claim 40, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the task comprises a file search on the portion of the network **[Saito, paragraph 45]**.

Referring to claims 41, 43 and 56, Sebrinis teaches a system and a method for providing network access, further comprising a database, the database operable to store the status of the access token and the resource **[col. 21, lines 30-51]**.

Referring to claims 44 and 46, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource communication module is further operable to receive notification from the resource that the resource has available processing capability **[Saito, paragraph 36 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claim 47, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource communication module is further operable to transmit a task to the resource, wherein the task is specific to a first application resident in the resource, the task capable of performance by the available processing capability **[Saito, paragraph 36, 38, 47 and fig. 2]**.

Referring to claim 48, Sebrinis as modified teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource is concurrently engaged by a user, the user accessing a second application, the second application accessing processing capability separate from the available processing capability **[Saito, paragraph 33-36 and fig. 2]**.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YONAS BAYOU whose telephone number is (571)272-7610. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f,7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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